

WEATHER.

Fair and cooler tonight; tomorrow fair; moderate westerly winds. Temperatures for twenty-four hours...

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FOE DEFEATED BY PREMIER OF ITALY

Italian Counter Attacks and Rising of River Wreck Austrian Hopes.

ENEMY DRIVEN BACK ON MONTELO PLATEAU

Dias' Men Make Gains on Lower Piave—Invaders Concentrate in Mountain Regions.

Premier Orlando of Italy has announced that the Austrians have been definitely defeated and that the Italians are victorious.

Fighting on the Piave line apparently is decreasing as the Austrian offensive enters upon its second week.

Wreck Austrian Hopes. Italian resistance and counter attacks from Montello to the mouth of the Piave, aided by the sudden rising of the river, have played havoc with Austrian hopes of capturing Montello and the plateau.

At the mouth of the Piave the Italians have made gains and it is apparent the Austrians have been unable to capture the angle between the old Piave and the Fossetta canal, which they reached north of Cape West of San Dona di Piave.

Across Carry Austrian Food. Rome, June 21.—Austrian airplanes were seen today to be engaged in crossing the Piave river, and were in the habit of staying overnight in the area.

Austrian Plan Plainer. The Austrian plan becomes plainer and plainer, says a semi-official note issued today.

At present more than forty enemy divisions are engaged in the battle line, and of these thirty already have suffered heavily.

Counter Offensive Superior. A semi-official note issued tonight, concerning the Austrian offensive, says: "The Italian counter-attack regained completely superior to the enemy offensive."

Five Heavy Attacks Fails. The Austro-Hungarians launched five heavy attacks on the Italian lines between the west of San Dona di Piave.

On the Montello yesterday the pressure of the enemy continued strongly, but everywhere he was held by our troops, who, counter-attacking, regained ground.

CIRCUS PERSONNEL NEARLY WIPED OUT IN TRAIN SMASH-UP

From 100 to 150 Hagenbeck-Wallace Show People Reported Killed.

FOUR CARS DEMOLISHED; WOUNDED DIE BY FIRE

Empty Steel Pullmans Crash Into Filled Sleepers—Accident Near Michigan City, Ind.

CHICAGO, June 22.—The personnel of the Hagenbeck-Wallace shows is believed to have been practically wiped out in a disastrous railroad collision between Michigan City and Hammond, Ind., today.

Perish in Flames. Daylight was just beginning to show when the crash came. Those thrown free from the wreck stood in their night clothes, helpless, while the flames roared in the flames.

Halted by Hot Box. The show was traveling in two sections of a Michigan Central train going from Michigan City to Hammond.

Missing Engineer Blamed. L. W. Landman, general passenger agent of the Michigan Central, said that his only explanation of the wreck was that the engineer of the train of empty cars must have been dead at the time.

Dead May Number 150. GARY, Ill., June 22.—Estimates of the dead in the Michigan Central wreck near Ivanhoe station vary from 100 to 150.

Anti-German Feeling Grows. GENEVA, June 21.—A commercial traveler who has arrived here direct from Vienna today informed the Associated Press that there are 10,000 men on strike in the Austrian capital and that there are smaller strikes in progress at Salzburg, Agram and Trieste.

Half Rations of Bread. PARIS, June 21.—A dispatch to the Temps from Geneva says the Austrian government has decided to put Vienna and other large cities on half the bread ration in order to ameliorate the food shortage.

Unable to Supply Potatoes. AMSTERDAM, June 21.—The Frankfurter Zeitung's correspondent at Munich telegraphed that Bavaria is unable to supply Austria with potatoes.

AMERICAN STEAMSHIP VICTIM OF A GERMAN SUBMARINE. FLEW IN THE PLANORAVURE SUPPLEMENT OF THE SUNDAY STAR

ATTEMPT TO SLAY AUSTRIAN RULER, CURRENT RUMOR

Reports Reaching Amsterdam Unconfirmed—Vienna Strike Movement Develops.

"DOWN WITH GERMAN" NOW IS POPULAR CRY

Premier von Seydlitz on Way to Headquarters to Submit Resignation of Cabinet.

LONDON, June 22.—Reports are current on the Amsterdam Exchange today that an attempt has been made on the life of Emperor Charles of Austria, says a Central News dispatch from Amsterdam.

Admits Great Strike. According to the Arbeiter Zeitung of Vienna, a great strike movement has developed in the Austrian capital, though to what extent is not known.

Guarded by Cavalry. The Times correspondent at the Hague is informed through a Dutch source that the remnants of some severely tried Austrian regiments arrived in Vienna on the 18th, many of the men being slightly wounded.

"Down With Germany" Is Cry. LONDON, June 21.—New bread riots started Thursday night in the Favoriten and Brigittenau districts of Vienna and there are now more than 150,000 munitions in Vienna on the 18th, many of the men being slightly wounded.

Cabinet to Resign. Baron von Seydlitz, the Austrian premier, left Vienna at midday today for Austrian headquarters to submit his resignation of his cabinet to Emperor Charles, says a dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph from Zurich.

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Headed Food Zone Committee. PHILADELPHIA, Pa., June 22.—Howard Ekins of Pittsburgh, federal food administrator for Pennsylvania, has been elected chairman of the United States Food Administration committee for Zone No. 9, embracing Virginia, Delaware, Maryland and District of Columbia.

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RUBBER STAMP COMMUNIQUE.

SITE FOR HOUSING NAVY YARD LABOR

Vacant Land on East Capitol Street Practically Chosen for Big Project.

\$3,000,000 MAY BE SPENT

The Department of Labor, it is understood, has practically decided on the purchase of vacant land lying between 17th and 19th, E and East Capitol streets southeast, as a site for the erection of housing accommodations for navy yard employes.

Small, Permanent Homes. It is understood that the bulk of the navy yard projects will consist of small permanent homes, which can be rented to the workmen during the war.

Temporary Relief Not Granted While Issue of Automatic System Is Being Investigated. Temporary relief to the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company in the form of higher rates, pending a thorough inquiry into the telephone situation, will not be granted by the public utilities commission.

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AMERICAN CASUALTIES GREATEST IN ONE DAY

Fifty-Three Killed in Action of 153 Named in List Sent by Pershing.

The steadily increasing participation of American troops in the fighting in France was sharply marked in today's casualty list. Of the 153 men named, 53, including three officers, were killed in action, the heaviest death toll from the battlefield yet made public.

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WAR TIME TURNS IN ALLIES' FAVOR

Every Reason for Confidence, Says British Critic in Discussing Situation.

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COMMISSIONER MEN ACCUSED OF FRAUD IN CARP SUPPLIES

Morris Wittlin and Henry B. Terrett Arrested and Give Bond.

SAID TO HAVE CONSPIRED WITH MESS SERGEANTS

Charged With Billing More Goods Than Were Delivered—District Attorney Investigating.

Two Washington commission merchants were arrested shortly before noon today, following searching investigation begun by the United States district attorney's office into charges that local merchants and mess sergeants at nearby Army camps have been conspiring to defraud the United States by submitting bills for more goods than were delivered.

Wittlin, thirty-nine years old, of 333 1/2 Louisiana avenue, and Henry B. Terrett, forty-one, of 650 Louisiana avenue, both were charged with violating section 35 of the penal code, which concerns itself with filing false vouchers.

They gave bond of \$5,000 each and were released to await action of the grand jury.

The warrants were made by District Attorney Laake and were returned by the grand jury on June 21.

Although no further arrests are expected today, it was officially stated by the district attorney that he is conducting a sweeping inquiry to determine if other merchants are involved in illegal practices with mess sergeants.

Case for Grand Jury. The information gathered against Terrett and Wittlin will be presented to the grand jury by District Attorney Laake.

Section 35 of the penal code, under which the prosecutions were instituted, provides that: "Whoever shall make or cause to be made, or present or cause to be presented, for payment or approval, to any person or officer in the civil, military or naval service of the United States, any claim upon or against the government of the United States, or any receipt, invoice, certificate, affidavit or deposition, knowing the same to contain any untrue or fraudulent statement, or any other property used or to be used, shall make or cause to be made, or present or cause to be presented, or receive, or attempt to receive, or be a party to the same, shall be fined not more than \$5,000 or imprisoned not more than five years, or both."

Reasons for Confidence. "Viewing the war in its various aspects—naval, military and economic—we have every reason for confidence. The tide is distinctly turning, and we let us hope, for the best time being, the activities of the submarine menace are being held.

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ARMY OF 900,000 SENT TO FRANCE, SAYS GEN. MARCH

United States Five Months Ahead of Program for Providing Fighting Men.

CENTRAL POWERS HELD AT ALL BATTLE FRONTS

Present Lull in Fighting Regarded by Chief of Staff as Preliminary to Another Hun Drive

Nine hundred thousand men have been shipped across the seas, Gen. March told newspaper correspondents at the weekly conference today. These include the troops shipped from all American ports of embarkation.

Viewing the whole situation, including the Italian front, the chief of staff said that the central powers again were held on all fronts.

Lull Precedes Storm. The present lull on the western front means that Germany is refitting her combatant divisions and preparing for another drive, it was stated, and allied officers look forward to a renewal and repetition on the western front of what has been transpiring in the last few months as far as German activities are concerned.

Single Command a Success. One of the most striking things about the present operations on the western front is considered to be the efficient results obtained by having a single command. Such a command was first achieved in the Italian campaign.

High Officers Gratiified. High officers here consider the results of the past week's fighting as most gratifying, first, because of the fact that the Austrians are again the Austrian drives, and second, because of a lull on the French front.

12,000 Marines Included. American troops in France include substantial quotas from the Regular Army, National Guard, and Marine Corps, and about 12,000 Marines.

PANAMA ELECTIONS PUT OFF. Government Given Time to Correct Conditions in Two Cities. PANAMA, June 22.—President Ciro Urriola, who succeeded to the presidency after the death of Dr. Ramon Valdez on June 3, has issued a decree deferring for six months the elections which were set for July.

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